FROM THE CHAIR

For those of you unable to attend the Valdez Air Show, it was another good show. Saturday and Sunday were both cool and breezy, but dry.

Next week, on Saturday, May 13, the spring Flying Companion Seminar is scheduled to be held in the Valley. This fund-raiser provides at least half the money for our scholarships. For more information or if you are available to help, please contact Judy Foster (746-0991).

Already, there are quite a few flying opportunities coming up as we get ready for summer. We'll try to keep you posted, so be sure to check the calendar.

One last item--our chapter elections are scheduled for June. Clarissa and I have served two years as Vice Chair and Chair of the chapter, which is the limit per our by-laws. If you or anyone you know might be interested in running for these offices, please let me know (phone: 694-4571 email: flyquilt@mtaonline.net). We need to get the ballots mailed out no later than the end of May. The terms are for one year. If you have questions about the duties of any of the officers, please contact me.

Hope to see you at the May meeting. Until then, fly safely.

Melanie

99s ONLINE

Chapter Web site www.ak99s.org
For Web site updates and additions, e-mail Caren della Cioppa at habataku@att.net.

National Web site www.ninety-nines.org
The national site includes news updates, scholarship opportunities and mentor connections.

FLYPAPER FACTS

The submission deadline for the June issue is May 25, 2006. If you have an article, ad or information for the Flypaper, please contact Michelle Bartleman by phone 1-877-552-8926 or e-mail at michelle@loscher.ca. Ads in the Flypaper are free for members.

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The subscription cost is to cover printing and mailing. You can also read the Flypaper online at ak99s.org.
Museum Display Committee

The Museum Display Committee has made its first purchase! They have bought a new Apple computer (at a discount as it is refurbished) which will be an integral part of the Museum Display and will include an Alaska women pilots database, photos and oral histories of Alaska women pilots. The cost was $1,399.

As we start spending money, we would like to recognize those who have made contributions to the Museum Display Fund:

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We are in the final stages of completing an application for a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation for $25,000. By beginning to raise funds towards the project we are showing the Rasmuson Foundation that we believe in what we are doing. Thank-you so much to those who are supporting this project financially. If you haven’t thought about it, please consider making a contribution to this worthy project. At this point, our museum only has a few pictures up on the wall. Our goal is to make a place in the Aviation Museum that honors the aviatrixes of the past and inspires those of the future. Checks can be made payable to Alaska Chapter of 99s, and mailed to the chapter post office box.

Keep your eye out at the Aviation Museum over the next couple months as we start to put something tangible on display!

2008 International Convention

The 2008 Convention Committee continues to meet monthly on the first Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Peggy’s Restaurant (downstairs). We are always open to new ideas and suggestions: What shall we call our sponsorship levels? Anything but Bronze, Silver and Gold is the consensus. But what? Mountains, Glaciers, Alaskan animals, types of aircraft, flight levels? What do you think? Send you ideas to Angie at akwoman@ak.net or Mio at miojohsn@alaska.net.

REMINDER: Remember at the March meeting we asked you to bring the name of one potential sponsor? Please bring us a company name, contact person, address, phone number and e-mail address if possible to the May meeting.

Happy Birthday!

Pearl Laska Chamberlain, 2006 recipient of the FAA’s Master Pilot Award celebrated her 97th birthday in Fairbanks on Sunday, April 28th with a luncheon hosted by Midnight Sun 99s Phyllis Tate and Dee Rice. When Sandi Sumner phoned Pearl and sang Happy Birthday to her she said, “You just made my day!” Sandi told her, “Pearl, you’re an inspiration to me and other women.”
MINUTES: Alaska Chapter meeting April 12, 2006

1) INTRODUCTION

- There were 19 people in attendance.

2) PROGRAM

- Introduction Captain Samatha Weeks, one of four F-15 pilots at Elmendorf. She joined the Air Force in 1997 and has since logged 1500 hours, but has no private pilot's license! She found out two hours before the meeting that she is a finalist for the Air Force Thunderbirds.

3) BUSINESS

A) Treasurer's Report

- Balance $7,934
- Other account has $12,558
- Includes museum dollars aside, which need to be set aside in a separate account
- Approval is requested to accept the treasurer's report
- Roberta moves, no objections

B) Flying Companion Seminar

- Flying Companion seminar is set for April 22 at UAA
- We have a full staff
- Registration is not full yet

C) Spring Flying Companion Seminar in the Mat-Su Valley

- Spring Flying Companion seminar in the Mat-Su is set to be held May 13 at the Mat-Su Covenant church
- They need instructors for Flight controls and navigation
- Judie Foster handed out flyers

D) Valdez Air Show

- May Fly in is April 29-30
- We'd like to have a table
- Melanie will pay the 25$ to
- How many people will be going? Are there enough people to man the table? Discussion, no decisions.

E) Fed Ex Tradeshow

- Airmen are looking for some help to set up for the tradeshow

F) Short Field Clinic

- Do we want to do one every other year since participation is down?
- Gayle Kase from the valley is not available to coordinate this year.
- The clinic is set to be held June 3rd
- Discussion about the participation at the short field clinic
- Discussion regarding participation in Floatplane festival
- Discussion regarding publicity of Short Field Clinic
- Meeting in May will give us time to get advertising planned.

G) Air markings

- Ideas for air markings:
  - Does the Merrill field compass rose need to be repainted?
  - Hope: 1600 ft with trees. Aimee Moore has a friend that has a bed and breakfast in Hope with Cabins rooms and tie downs
  - Talkeetna was set last year...why didn't it get done?
  - Fly in to Fairbanks to meet with Fairbanks Chapter
  - Chena Hot Springs, Northway, Valdez
  - Are there people who can take passengers?
  - If we are going to do them, we need to schedule them — bring a calendar to the next meeting and decide — bring your calendars!
  - Contact Melanie if you think about more
  - NEXT meeting — bring sectionals, supplements so that we can discuss fly-ins in greater detail

H) Museum committee

- Announcement of intent to purchase computer for the display.
- Discussion on how to get deals
- Heather Hasper offered to get details on deals

I) Scholarship committee

- Scholarship applications are online
- Mat-Su is giving a student scholarship

J) Meeting adjourned

- Discussion: are there any state agencies that supports scholarships?
- High Schools? Do we send stuff there?
- How do we get the word out about our scholarships?
- The most publicity is given at the tradeshow — anyone can apply
- Deadline June 30

4) NEW BUSINESS

A) Elections

- Elections — need to start thinking about it candidates for officer
- Elections are in June, we need nominations for next meeting.
- All positions are open, including president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer

B) Announcements from Ellen

- Alaska Safety Foundations has announced their scholarships
- Applications are available at the UAA Air Safety Foundation Room 135
- Deadline June 30

C) Announcements from Petra

- Lake Hood Pilot Association is a new association to deal with needs and concerns of Lake Hood pilot including: New strip and pedestrian traffic. The next meeting is April 19 (check with Petra for more information)
- The Lake Hood Pilot Shoppe: Aviation Wholesale closed their doors –Petra's store, bought a lot of their inventory. She offers full chart service with the FAA – Alaska sectionals, Lower 48 Wacs. Canadian maps. She is also selling 99s paraphernalia (with no additional commission). There is an FAA written exam testing station. The store is open Monday – Saturday and is located on the corner of International and Spenard. There will be an open house on April 22-23, including: Espresso shop, aviation art, t-shirts from Sandy Jamison, and Ladies underwear!
- Conference on Medical Guidelines for space tourism – Petra will be a speaker

D) Meeting adjourned
This plane may remind you of some things you used to know: that life is in the moment, joy matters more than money, the world is a beautiful place, and that dreams really, truly are possible.